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Description: 3 leaves - Not bound. - C. L. Ricketts, bought from Erik von Scherling, Leiden, cat. 11 (November 1930), no. 953; acquired by the Lilly Library with the Ricketts Collection in 1961. - De Ricci 1935, p. 620.

Notes: -Both the unexpectedly informal script of the leaves and their meandering tendrils of narrow illuminated plant stems, broken by flashes of highly burnished gold, are all consistent with book production in Austria, especially in Vienna. A comparable Latin Bible, from Genesis to Psalms, is Vienna, ÖNB, Cod. 1187, illuminated in Vienna around 1440 by the Albrecht Master, who also painted a prayerbook for Albrecht II, archduke of Austria 1404-39, king of Germany 1438-39 (ÖNB, Cod. 2722; Schmidt 2005, p. 452, fig. 6, and passim). The present leaves were bought in 1930 at the moment when many Austrian monasteries were selling manuscripts (see above, no. 55). A cutting from the manuscript's opening leaf is described in Les Enluminures, cat. 5 (1996), no. 34 (afterwards illustrated in Alexander 2000, p. 15, fig. 7), and is now in private hands in North America. A leaf with the text for Leviticus 27: 21-34 and the capitula list for Numbers, is Columbia, University of Missouri, Ellis Library, Special Collections, Rare Res. BS 1254. L3M6. 1450.

Number of Parts: 1 - *Number of Images Available:* 1

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Language: Latin *Country:* Austria *Century:* 15th

Part 1: 3 leaves

Description: - Parchment - 490 x 33 mm - 2 columns, ruled in plummet, 30 lines, prickings in outer margins only, each column 330 mm. by 98 mm. with 22 mm. between columns.

Country: Austria

Cardinal point:

Region:

City: Vienna?

Assigned Date: s. XV^{2/4}

Searchable Date Range: 1425 - 1450

Dated by scribe: No

Inscribed Date:

Document: No

Number of Scribes:

Script: Semi-cursive Book Hand

Figurative Decoration: Each leaf with a very large 6-line illuminated initial, approximately 67 mm. by 69 mm., with a three-quarter illuminated floral border, including two perching birds.

Other Decoration: Rubrics in red, versal initials and running titles in alternating red and blue letters; second leaf with a 2-line initial in blue with penwork decoration in lines of burnished gold.

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